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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Hose--To Have and To Hold" ... Information from the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture

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When women get together--these days--the talk is about hose. How to find'em... and when you've found'em...how to keep'em in wearable condition.

Now I have no secret formula for finding nylons or rayons either...but I can give you some tips for taking care of any that you're fortunate enough to find for yourself.

These suggestions come from clothing specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

They say---ravel yarn from an old stocking to mend snags and runs in other hose. Stocking yarn is less conspicuous than darning thread because it's of lighter weight...and the color is more likely to match.

Thread from an old nylon makes a strong mend. But if you have no old nylon... choose a heavy, not-so-sheer rayon to keep in the sewing basket for hosiery emergencies.

Wartime girdles have been responsible for many stocking casualties. If you're still wearing a wartime girdle...you can cut down on the hosiery hazards by putting elastic in place of tape garters. The metal grips on wartime girdles were not of such good quality as the pre-war models. So if possible...salvage the higher quality grips from a pre-war girdle to substitute for the wartime metal grip.

You may wish to use commercial "run-stop" preparations. They don't cut down on the elasticity of the stocking as much as sewing does. One thing to keep in mind... these preparations will not come out in washing. And you may not wish to use them...even for temporary aid...if the run is below dress level.

